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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUNORI HATAMURA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ZERVIGON, R.
SERIAL NO: 10/549,283 :
FILED: JUNE 21, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :
REDUCING SUBSTRATE BACKSIDE
DEPOSITION DURING PROCESSING
ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 24, 2009, Applicant(s) elect Group I, identified in the outstanding Office Action as corresponding to Claims 1-10, drawn to a focus ring assembly. Applicant(s) reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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